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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1129
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lucille Hardiman on winning the 2002 National Outstanding ABE/GED Adult Learner Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those individuals who thirst for knowledge and diligently strive to improve themselves through the of avenue of education; and

WHEREAS, Lucille Hardiman is one such noteworthy Tennessean, who was recently honored with the 2002 National Outstanding ABE/GED Adult Learner Award for her unwavering commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, currently a resident of Louisville, Tennessee, Lucille Hardiman endured a tumultuous childhood, as she resided in several shelters and group homes; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, she moved to Tennessee to seek employment as a babysitter and to study part-time on her own; when these efforts failed, Mrs. Hardiman moved into a tent near a lake; and

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WHEREAS, it was at this point that Lucille Hardiman, having the foresight to understand that she required an education in order to pursue career opportunities, had the courage to enroll in an adult education class at Lanier Elementary School in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, at Lanier Elementary School, she encountered a dedicated educator who was willing to individually tutor her and encourage her in her studies; and

WHEREAS, despite these exemplary efforts, Lucille Hardiman endured a difficult and frustrating time learning until she was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder; and

WHEREAS, once she received the proper medication, Lucille Hardiman excelled in the classroom, as she developed a remarkable vocabulary, organizational and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, due to her commitment to academic excellence, Lucille Hardiman passed the high school equivalency test (GED) and earned her high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, after she had received her GED diploma, Mrs. Hardiman continued to attend adult education classes to further enhance her academic skills; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Lucille Hardiman has utilized her education to benefit her fellow citizens through her service to various civic organizations, including the Blount County Literacy Council; and

WHEREAS, she also lends her remarkable talents to the America Reads program, which she serves as a Volunteer in Service to America; and

WHEREAS, Lucille Hardiman's display of intellectual aptitude, determination in the face of adversity, and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to continue her education at a local community college, then earn a four-year degree and eventually pursue a career in social services; and

WHEREAS, a person of deep conviction, Lucille Hardiman is active in her church, where she serves in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, her academic and civic accomplishments aside, Mrs. Hardiman is fortunate to share love and companionship with her loving husband and child; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and take pride in Lucille Hardiman for her display of diligence and courage in obtaining her GED and earning the 2002 National Outstanding ABE/GED Learner Award and her embodiment of the characteristics of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Lucille Hardiman on wining the 2002 National Outstanding ABE/GED Adult Learner Award and wish her much success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.